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REMARKS

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1. At about 5:30 p.m. on 20 March, a unit that had been detained in Plauen was seen marching to the Hindenburg Kaserne (8442). Observed were 41 trucks, each occupied by 20 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets and steel helmets, and including 6 towing 57-mm AT guns, 2 jeeps, each with 4 officers, and 3 trucks with field kitchens.

2. On 20 March, 7 trains were unloaded at the upper railroad station in Plauen. Three of the trains had arrived on the branch line Weida-Mehlteuer and four on the branch line Greiz-Weischlitz. Concordant statements by Soviet soldiers indicated that exercises had been conducted in the Ohrdruf area. The first three trains were unloaded between 4 and 6 a.m., with the troops subsequently marching to the Hindenburg Kaserne. Two other trains were unloaded between 3 and 5:30 p.m., with the troops marching to the Koenig Georg Kaserne (8443). The unit included about 400 troops wearing black-bordered red epaulets, 60 trucks [REDACTED] 12 x 120-mm howitzers, 12 x 85-mm AT guns and several jeeps, sedans, and van-like trucks. Two shipments were unloaded for the Kirchbach Kaserne (8441). They included about 110 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, 27 trucks [REDACTED] 12 x 85-mm AT guns and various small motor vehicles.

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3. On 20 and 21 March, the Kirchbach Kaserne and Koenig Georg Kaserne were lighted to an extent as was observed prior to 15 March, while the Hindenburg Kaserne was less lighted than was observed previously. On 20 March, 22 trucks with ammunition boxes left the Hindenburg Kaserne toward the drill grounds. [REDACTED] On 21 March, troops cleaned trucks and weapons in the Hindenburg Kaserne. On 21 March, several heavily soiled trucks [REDACTED] still arrived at the post by road.

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Comment. The absence of troops from Plauen has repeatedly been confirmed. The units participated in an exercise of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div held in the area west of Weimar or Ohrdruf between 15 and 20 March. [REDACTED] The units which marched to the Koenig Georg Kaserne definitely confirm the 87th Gun Arty Regt there. The artillery unit of the 112th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt stationed in the Hindenburg Kaserne is carried in the Kirchbach Kaserne. The tactical mark described [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] for fall maneuvers of the Eighth Gds Army in October 1953. The rectangle in the circle was green

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